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| DI   | ESIG   | NATED/ELECTED OFFICE (  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  |   | To be determined                                |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TITLE OF INVENTION  FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT WEI DED PORTION METHOD OF THE SAME COMPUTED.                             |  |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM |  |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  |  |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| HIROSHI YOSHIDA, NARUHIKO NOMURA, AKIHIRO UENISHI  |  |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| App  |  | herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.   |  | This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.   |  | This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.                                |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.   | $\boxtimes$  | The US has been elected (Artic  | ele 31).  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.   | $\boxtimes$  | A copy of the International App   | plication as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2          | )))                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | a.   | is attached hereto (require   | ed only if not communicated by the I            | nternational Bureau).    |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | b.   | has been transmitted by the International Bureau.   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | C.   | is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.   | $\boxtimes$  | An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | a. is attached hereto.   |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 7.   | ⊠<br>a.  | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))  are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | b.   | had been communicated by the International Bureau.  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | C.   | have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | d.   | ★ have not been made and will not be made.  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.   |  | An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.   | $\boxtimes$  | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.  |  | An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Item   | s 11 t   | o 20. below concern document  | (s) or information included:                    |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.  | $\boxtimes$  | An Information Disclosure Sta   | tement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.              |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12.  | $\boxtimes$  | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13.  | $\boxtimes$  | A preliminary amendment.  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14.  | $\boxtimes$  | An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15.  | $\boxtimes$  | A substitute specification.   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.  |  | A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.  |  | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 – 1.825  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.  |  | A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19.  |  | A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20.  | 0. Other items or information: PTO-1449 form, International Publication Number WO 2005/100949, |   |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Redl   | edline Comparison, PCT Search Report for International Application No. WO2005/100949 and PCT Written Opinion  |   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 21. The follow  | wing fees have be                  | een submitted:  |                         |                                    |         |                      | CALCULATIONS           | PTO USE |
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| examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy   |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      |                        |         |
| provisions of PCT Article 33(1)4) \$0.00  |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | 0.00                   |         |
| All other situations  |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$ 200               |                        |         |
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| If the written opinion of the ISA/US or US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy                         |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      |                        |         |
| =   | f PCT Article 33(                  | , ,             |                         |                                    |         | \$0.00               |                        |         |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority                                      |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | }                      |         |
|   |                                    |                 | to the Office           |                                    |         | \$100.00<br>\$400.00 |                        |         |
|   |                                    | •               |                         |                                    |         | \$500.00             | \$ 400                 |         |
|   |                                    | OF 21, 22 and   |                         |                                    |         | φ500.00              | \$ 900                 |         |
| Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding   |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | <b>*</b> 200           | ,       |
| sequence lis  | sting or computer                  | program listing | filed in an electronic  | mediun                             | n). The | fee is               |                        |         |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).                            |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | \$                     |         |
| CLAIMS  |                                    |                 | ATE                     |                                    |         |                      |                        |         |
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| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00  |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | \$                     |         |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         |                      | \$                     |         |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.   |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$                   |                        |         |
| SUBTOTAL =  |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | TOTAL =              | \$                     |         |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).                       |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$                   |                        |         |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =  |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$                   |                        |         |
| Fee for recording the enclose assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$                   |                        |         |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =   |                                    |                 |                         |                                    |         | \$                   |                        |         |
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| a. A check in the amount \$ of   | to cover the above fees is enclosed.  |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50   | 2-2054 in the amount of \$1,900   | _ to cover the above fees.         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |   |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charto   | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to   |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deposit Account No. 50-2054  | A duplicate coy of this sheet is enclosed.  |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARN information should not be included on this  | Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. |   |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: CUSTOMER NUMBER 30873  |   |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gary Abelev, Esq. Dorsey & Whitney LLP   |   |                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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